

TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

8:30 a.m.

Tippecanoe Room, Tippecanoe County Office Building
20 N 3rd Street, Lafayette, Indiana

Councilmembers present: President Kevin Underwood, Vice President Jody Hamilton, Barry Richard, Ben Murray, John Basham, Kathy Vernon, and Lisa Dullum.

Others present: Attorney Doug Masson, Auditor Jennifer Weston, and Recording Secretary Samantha Perez.

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Underwood called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Auditor's Financial Report – Jennifer Weston

The 2023 financial statement shows a General Fund beginning net balance of \$4,703,547. There were \$15,645 total requested from the General fund. There were miscellaneous expenditures paid out totaling \$9,633 leaving \$4,678,268 available for appropriations.

The Revenue Report shows 25% of the year complete. There have not been any Property Tax collections yet, but the tax bills were sent out last week. Currently 12.6% of the total revenue was collected through April. If taxes are disregarded, 31.4 % for the year has been collected.

Auditor Weston referenced the Fund Balance Report and stated there are funds highlighted on the electronic version showing dormant grant funds. These funds were closed out and transferred to either the General fund or department donations funds based on a resolution passed by the Commissioners. There are also dormant funds being appropriated today.

III. Treasurer's Report – Auditor Weston on behalf of Yadira Salazar

The Account Balances and Interest Rates report was distributed and shows an account balance of \$161,552,297.23 with total interest of \$489,952.55. The average interest rate for April was 4.91% on the primary accounts.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items

- None

V. Consent Agenda (Transfers & Renewal Grants)

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the consent agenda as distributed, second by Councilmember Murray. Motion carried.

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 14, 2023

B. Prosecutor – IPAC / HTC Fund 9271

Transfer

\$	10,000	Travel / Training to Other Supplies
\$	10,000	Total Requested

C. Public Defender – Supplemental PD Fund 1200

Transfer

\$	2,207	Other Professional Services to Equip / Minor
\$	2,207	Total Requested

D. Juvenile Alternatives – JDAI Performance Fund 9214

Transfer

\$	4,323	Travel / Training to Other Supplies
\$	4,323	Total Requested

E. Juvenile Alternatives – JA DOC Fund 9641

Transfer

\$	721	Other Professional Svcs to Benefits /Health Ins
\$	721	Total Requested

F. Treasurer – General Fund 1000

Transfer

\$	5,000	Other Professional Services to Part Time
\$	400	Other Professional Services to Social Security
\$	2,500	Other Prof Svcs to Office Supplies / Forms
\$	7,900	Total Requested

G. Sheriff – False Alarm Fund 2574

Transfer

\$	7,300	Other Prof Svcs to Machinery & Equip / Safety
\$	7,300	Total Requested

H. Extension – General Fund 1000

Transfer

\$	1,388	Rentals & Leases / Minor Equip to Office Sup
\$	1,388	Total Requested

I. Prosecutor – ICAC Fund 8198

Grant Appropriation

\$	9,000	Machinery & Equipment / General
\$	9,000	Total Requested

J. Prosecutor – ICJI / EEDMA Fund 9254

Grant Appropriation

\$	7,093	Other Professional Services
\$	7,093	Total Requested

K. Health – STD Prevention Fund 8463

Grant Appropriation

\$	65,000	Salaries & Wages / Full Time
\$	12,000	Salaries & Wages / Part Time
\$	5,891	Social Security
\$	12,620	Retirement
\$	19,200	Benefits / Health Ins
\$	440	Benefits / LTD
\$	263	Benefits / Life
\$	300	Benefits / Workers Comp
\$	2,000	Office Supplies

\$ 6,000	Supplies / Inst or Medical
\$ 26,000	Other Professional Services
\$ 5,000	Travel / Training
\$ 154,714	<i>Total Requested</i>

L. Health – WCI / FIMR Fund 9168

Grant Appropriation

\$ 25,608	Salaries & Wages/ Full Time
\$ 1,959	Social Security
\$ 2,868	Retirement
\$ 2,937	Benefits/ Health Ins
\$ 96	Benefits/ LTD
\$ 28	Benefits/ Life
\$ 80	Benefits/ Workers Comp
\$ 33,576	<i>Total Requested</i>

M. Commissioners – Area IV AACAP Fund 8668

Grant Appropriation

\$ 25,735	Other Professional Services
\$ 25,735	<i>Total Requested</i>

VI. Additional Appropriations & Other Requests:**A. Superior Court 3 – Judge Graham**

1. Salary Statement - Reclassification

Court / Quest Administrator PAT III to PAT IV

Personnel Committee approved 3/13/23, Board of Commissioners created 3/20/23

\$ 66,018	Salary
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- Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the salary statement as presented, second by Councilmember Murray. Councilmember Vernon stated this reclassification is due to additional job requirements.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

B. Public Defender – Amy Hutchinson

1. Salary Statement – New Positions

RPT Attorney (2)

Board of Commissioners created 3/20/23; reduce Part Time

\$ 64,786	Salary
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- Councilmember Dullum moved to approve the salary statement as presented, second by Councilmember Hamilton. Councilmember Dullum stated the new positions are based on the available applicants.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

C. Prosecutor – Patrick Harrington

1. Drug Prosecution Fund 9259
Grant Appropriation

\$	554	Other Professional Services
\$	554	<i>Total Requested</i>

- Councilmember Dullum moved to approve the grant appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Hamilton. Prosecutor Harrington stated this was a dormant grant and will be spent according to the original grant guidelines.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

D. TEMA – Wm. “Smokey” Anderson (old grant, cleanup request)

1. Tippecanoe County HAZMAT Fund 2546 (from Fund 8416)
Appropriation

\$	25,421	Machinery & Equipment / Safety
\$	25,421	<i>Total Requested</i>

- Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Murray. Grant Facilitator Sharon Hutchinson stated this was a dormant grant that will be transferred and spent accordingly.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

E. Community Corrections – Jason Huber

1. DOC Comm Tran Fund 1123
Appropriation

\$	50,000	Other Supplies
\$	43,004	Other Professional Services
\$	6,675	Machinery & Equipment / Vehicles
\$	99,679	<i>Total Requested</i>

- Councilmember Murray moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Hamilton. Executive Director Huber stated this appropriation is money received from the DOC for housing inmates for early release. Councilmember Vernon stated the appropriation sheet lists the purchase of three new Dodge Durangos, supplies, and services and asked if this was to add to the fleet or replacing vehicles. Jason stated this was previously approved through Council, is for the difference in price, and to outfit those vehicles.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

2. Salary Statement – New Positions

Work Release Assistant Coordinator POLE III

Case Manager Assistant Coordinator POLE III

Personnel Committee approved 3/13/23, Board of Comm created 3/20/23

\$	48,230	Work Release Salary
\$	48,230	Case Manager Salary

- Councilmember Murray moved to approve the salary statement as presented, second by Councilmember Hamilton. Jason stated these positions are funded through the DOC Grant.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

F. Highway – Stewart Kline

1. Major Bridge Fund 1171

Appropriation

\$ 500,000	<u>Bridges</u>
\$ 500,000	<i>Total Requested</i>

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Richard. Executive Director Kline stated this is for Bridge 32 construction expenditures.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

2. MVH – Restricted Fund 1173

Appropriation

\$ 2,600,000	<u>Roads and Streets</u>
\$ 2,600,000	<i>Total Requested</i>

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Richard. Executive Director Kline stated this is for Yeager Road, Old 231, and Lindberg Road construction expenditures and an increase in construction costs.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

G. Juvenile Alternatives – Rebecca Humphrey

1. JA Truancy Mediation Fund 9203

Appropriation

\$ 843	<u>Benefits / Health Ins</u>
\$ 843	<i>Total Requested</i>

- Councilmember Murray moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Hamilton. Executive Director Humphrey stated this is due to an employee who had a life event which changed health insurance coverage from employee/kids to employee/family.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

H. Health – Amy Erwin

1. Donation Fund 4118

Appropriation

\$ 300	<u>Other Supplies</u>
\$ 300	<i>Total Requested</i>

- Councilmember Murray moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Hamilton. Health Department Administrator Amy Irwin stated this is for the Community Baby Shower that will be held on May 10, 2023.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

2. Vaccine Reimb Fund 9170
Grant Appropriation

\$ 25,000	Salaries & Wages / Overtime
\$ 1,911	Social Security
\$ 2,800	Retirement
\$ 45,000	Office Supplies
\$ 75,000	Supplies / Inst or Medical
\$ 13,000	Training
\$ 160,300	Other Professional Services
\$ 10,000	Travel & Training
\$ 333,011	<i>Total Requested</i>

- Councilmember Murray moved to approve the grant appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Hamilton. Amy stated this is for nursing supplies, school liaison supplies, and equipment. Councilmember Murray added the equipment is a lead testing machine and the salary lines are for contracted employees to work within the community assisting with vaccine distribution. Councilmember Vernon asked if Tippecanoe County is helping surrounding counties with lead testing and Amy confirmed that is correct and there are currently 42 open cases.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

I. Sheriff – Bob Goldsmith

1. CLAF Byrne Local Fund 9144
Grant Appropriation

\$ 7,044	Machinery & Equip / Safety
\$ 7,044	<i>Total Requested</i>

- Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the grant appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Hamilton. Grant Facilitator Sharon Hutchinson stated this is from Bryne Local law enforcement assistance funding for purchasing safety equipment for department use.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

2. Project Lifesaver Fund 9185
Grant Appropriation

\$ 1,263	Machinery & Equip / Safety
\$ 1,263	<i>Total Requested</i>

- Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the grant appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Hamilton. Grant Facilitator Hutchinson stated this money is from McAllister Foundation to fund the purchase of Project Lifesaver equipment.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

J. Commissioners – Commissioner Murtaugh

1. EDIT Fund 1112

Appropriation

\$ 500,000	Buildings / Housing
\$ 500,000	<i>Total Requested</i>

- Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Hamilton. Commissioner Murtaugh stated this appropriation is for additional repair expenses required due to the extensive damage resulting from the underground pipe burst at the jail. The pipes are set to be lined April 19th. Tony Dildine presented a pipe sample with a two-part epoxy lining to show Council the product being used. Councilmember Vernon asked if an insurance claim was filed, Tony confirmed it was filed and denied.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

2. ARPA Fund 8950

Appropriation

\$ 200,000	Grants & Support
\$ 200,000	<i>Total Requested</i>

- Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Hamilton. Commissioner Murtaugh stated this is a grant match for Workforce Economic Development Attraction. This is a regional program partnered with Bright Steps to help non-accredited childcare facilities achieve accredited status to care for more children in the community.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

VII. Committee Reports

- None

VIII. Unfinished

- None

IX. New Business

- None

X. Commissioner FYI

- Commissioner Murtaugh stated a ribbon cutting for the Community Corrections addition will be held April 27, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. and an invitation for breaking ground on the Animal Shelter Project will take place in May.

XI. Public Comment

- Councilmember Basham stated he spoke about needing School Resource Officers in every school at a previous meeting. He referenced the most recent mass shooting in Tennessee and urged the Sheriff's department and community leaders to compile a safety plan and get correct staffing to support and protect the schools. Sheriff Goldsmith stated he currently has five SROs but to cover all schools there would need to be fourteen more officers hired. Sheriff Goldsmith stated the current issues are not being fully staffed and not receiving qualified applicants due to a low pay scale. Prosecutor Harrington added there are about 70 open positions within the County that we cannot fill based on salary alone. Pat stated a first-

year trooper with the Indiana State Police has a higher salary than a lieutenant at the Tippecanoe County Sherriff's Department. He stated this is also true for the Prosecutor's department. State attorneys who graduate law school get paid \$20,000 more than newly hired lawyers in Tippecanoe County starting July 1st. Inflation is at 10% and applicants are scarce at these current pay scales. Councilmember Murray stated he works for school corporations and believes this would be a great conversation to have and a strategic plan should be set in place to make sure the funds are spent accordingly. This is a need in the community, and we need to set the example and be mindful of the school corporations who are not as fiscally positive as others. Councilmember Vernon added that Cary Home and juveniles also need more support and assistance as these two issues are relevant to each other. Councilmember Dullum added gun violence is happening everywhere even at places where there are armed guards and cautions Council to not make decisions lightly.

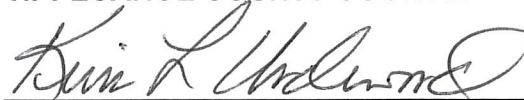
XII. Next Meeting

- May 09, 2023

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

- Councilmember Hamilton moved to adjourn, second by Councilmember Murray and the President adjourned the meeting.

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Kevin L. Underwood, President



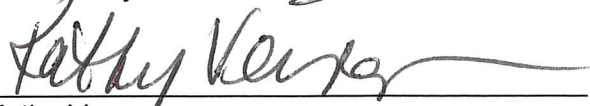
Jody Hamilton, Vice President



Barry Richard



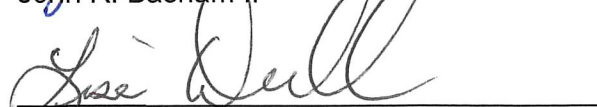
Ben Murray



Kathy Vernon

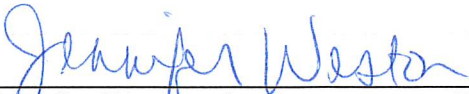


John R. Basham II



Lisa Dullum

ATTEST:



Jennifer Weston, Auditor

5/09/2023

Minutes prepared by Samantha Perez, Recording Secretary